

Whangarei County.—Town of Grahamtown.

Lot 3 of Section 40: Area, 1 rood 39-7 perches. Upset annual rental, £7; £4 13s. 9d.*

Lot 4 of Section 40: Area, 1 rood 39-7 perches. Upset annual rental, £7; £4 13s. 9d.*

Lot 1 of Section 41: Area, 1 rood 39-5 perches. Upset annual rental, £7; £4 14s. 3d.*

Lot 2 of Section 41: Area, 1 rood 39-7 perches. Upset annual rental £7; £4 14s. 3d.*

* Valuation for improvements, consisting of fencing and grassing.

Sections situated in Onerahi, about a quarter mile from railway-station and handy to the domain and post-office. Land all level, and in grass. Onerahi is supplied with water from Whangarei, and electric light now being connected up.

Waitemata County.—Whau Town North.

Lot 11 of Section 2: Area, 2 acres 0 roods 35 perches. Upset annual rental, £10.

Situated on the Whau Creek, Avondale, about one mile distant from the railway-station. The soil is of poor clay, resting on clay formation. The section is covered with scrub and danthonia, with gorse and blackberry getting a hold. Land falls away at the back close to the creek.

Waitemata County.—Titirangi Parish.

Section 166: Area, 4 acres 3 roods 8 perches. Upset annual rental, £15.

Section situated in Willow Street, Avondale South. Undulating country with southerly aspect. Section is cut up by two swampy creeks, which run into the main creek, forming the southern boundary. The land is fenced on three sides but the fencing is very poor. About an acre has been planted in orchard, but this is badly overgrown with *paspalum*. Noxious weeds have a strong hold, but there is a fair amount of rough feed.

Abstract of Terms and Conditions of Lease.

1. Six months' rent at the rate offered, valuation for improvements, and £2 2s. lease fee, and cost of registration must be deposited on acceptance of bid.

2. Term of lease, twenty-one years, with perpetual right of renewal for further similar terms at rentals based on fresh valuations under the provisions of the Public Bodies' Leases Act, 1908.

3. Rent payable half-yearly in advance.

4. Lessee to maintain in good substantial repair all buildings, drains, and fences; to keep clear all creeks, drains, ditches, and watercourses; to trim all live hedges; and yield up all improvements in good order and condition at the expiration of his lease.

5. Lessee not to transfer, sublet, or subdivide without the consent of the Land Board.

6. Lessee not to use or remove any gravel without the consent of the Land Board.

7. Lessee not to carry on any noxious, noisome, or offensive trade upon the land.

8. Lessee not to make improvements without the consent of the Land Board.

9. Lessee not entitled to any compensation for improvements; but if the lease is not renewed upon expiration, the new lease offered for disposal by public competition will be subject to payment by the incoming tenant of valuation for buildings and improvements effected by the original lessee with the consent of the Board; failing disposal, the land and buildings revert to the Crown without compensation.

10. Lease liable to forfeiture if conditions are violated.

11. Lessee to keep buildings insured.

12. Interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum to be paid on rent in arrear.

Sale plans and full particulars may be obtained from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, North Auckland.

H. J. LOWE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

STATE FOREST SERVICE NOTICE.*Milling-timber for Sale by Public Tender.*

State Forest Service.
Hokitika, 5th April, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that written tenders for the purchase of the undermentioned milling-timber will close at the office of the State Forest Service, Hokitika, at 4 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the 27th April, 1927.

SCHEDULE.

WESTLAND CONSERVATION REGION.—WESTLAND LAND DISTRICT.

ALL the milling-timber on that piece of land, containing 405 acres, situated in Block XIV, Ahaura Survey District, portion of Provisional State Forest Reserve No. 1702, situated about sixteen miles from Ngahere Railway-station.

The total estimated quantity in cubic feet is 806,478, or in board feet, 4,963,200, made up as follows:—

Species.	Cubic Feet.	Board Feet.
Rimu	772,512	4,764,100
Kahikatea	33,666	199,100

Upset price, £3,958.

Ground rent, £20 5s. per annum.

Time for removal, four years.

Further blocks of residual tributary timber in the provisional State forest mentioned will be selected at appropriate times and offered for sale by public tender as occasion warrants.

Terms of Payment.

A marked cheque for one-tenth of the purchase-money, together with half-year's ground rent and £1 1s. license fee, must accompany the tender, and the balance be paid by nine equal quarterly instalments, the first of which shall be paid six months after the date of sale. In addition, the successful tenderer shall continue to pay such ground rent half-yearly in advance during the currency of the license.

Terms and Conditions.

1. All instalment-payments shall be secured by an "on demand" promissory note made and endorsed to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of State Forests, and interest at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum in excess of current bank overdraft rates will be charged if the note is overdue from the date of maturity to the date of payment.

2. The right to cut and remove the timber will be sold in accordance with the provisions of the Forests Act, 1921-22, the regulations in force thereunder, and these conditions.

3. The aforementioned qualities, quantities, and kind as to the said timber shall be taken as sufficiently accurate for the purposes of this sale, and no contract for the purchase shall be voidable, nor shall the successful purchaser be entitled to any abatement in price, by reason of the said timber being of less quantity, quality, or kind as stated herein or in any advertisement having reference to the said timber.

4. A return, verified by affidavit, giving the number of logs cut of each species and their contents must be made quarterly by the licensee on the last days of March, June, September, and December, respectively in each year. A return, similarly verified, must be made on the same dates showing the output of sawn timber of each species. These returns may be ascertained and verified by inspection of the books of the mill, or by such other means as the Conservator may require, and for this purpose the accounts and books shall be open to the inspection of the Conservator, a Forest Ranger, or other duly authorized officer.

5. The attention of all tenderers is drawn to the fact that the local controlling body may require the successful tenderer to pay any claims or charges which may be made by that body for the maintenance of the road over which the timber may be transported, and before a sawmill license is issued a letter indicating that satisfactory arrangements have been made in this connection must be produced to the undersigned.

6. Intending tenderers are expected to visit the locality and to satisfy themselves in every particular on all matters relative to the sale.

7. Each tenderer must state the total price that he is prepared to pay for the timber. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted, and the timber described is submitted for sale subject to the final acceptance of the tender by the Commissioner of State Forests.

8. The right is reserved to the Commissioner of State Forests to withdraw from sale any or all of the said timber either before or after the closing date for receipt of tenders.

9. If no tender is accepted for the timber herein mentioned it will remain open for application at the upset price until further notice.

10. Tenders should be on the special form obtainable from any office of the State Forest Service, and should be enclosed in envelopes addressed "Conservator of Forests, Palmerston North," and endorsed "Tender for Timber."

The conditions, which will be inserted in the license to be issued to the purchaser, and further particulars may be obtained on application to the undersigned or to the Director of Forestry, Wellington.

A. D. McGAVOCK, Conservator of Forests.